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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Stewart Thomas Leslie
Serial No.: 10/037,299
Examiner: Young-Micah Paul
Art Unit: 1615
Filed: October 25, 2001
For: **TRANSDERMAL DOSAGE FORM**

Box:
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 2, 2002

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2002, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested in view of the following actions and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A composition for the percutaneous administration of an opioid analgesic which comprises a therapeutic amount of the opioid analgesic in association with a vehicle for providing a transdermal flux of the opioid analgesic when applied to a human body surface or membrane and a quantity of a distressing substance which is non-permeant through human skin, said distressing substance when ingested orally or as parenteral bolus injection together with the opioid analgesic will produce a distressful reaction in the recipient.